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## Belarus

### Poultry and Products

## Belarussian Poultry Production on the Rise 2004

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**Report Highlights:**

Growth in Belarussian poultry production remains strong thanks to solid consumer demand for affordable animal protein. Poultry production increased by about five percent in 2003 and is forecast to increase again in 2004 thanks to additional investment in the industry.

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### **Economic Situation Overview**

According to the State Statistics and Analysis Ministry, the Belarussian economy expanded by 6.8 percent in 2003. Combined industrial production and agricultural output also rose by 6.8 percent. The profit margin for industrial production was 12.5 percent, while fixed capital investment grew 17.9 percent. Consumer goods production grew by 7.3 percent in 2003, including a rise of 7.9 percent in output of food products.

According to Prime Minister Sergey Sidorsky, the Belarussian government program for 2004 will be more aggressive. He also stated that the government would focus on investment policy and support for small and medium-sized businesses. The government expects that investment in the Belarussian economy will reach 8.5 trillion rubles in 2004.

### **Poultry Production Increase**

Belarussian poultry production continues to slowly increase since its low point in 1995. According to Deputy General Director of Belptitseprom Lyubov Levenkova, Belarus produced five percent more poultry meat in 2003 than in 2002. Broiler meat, over 90 percent of total poultry production, spurred that growth with a little more than five percent overall growth. (Belptitseprom is the largest poultry association in the country. It accounts for 90 percent of total Belarussian poultry production and is comprised of sixty poultry enterprises and two compound-feed production plants.) This growth was attributed to efficient production methods, the introduction of highly productive breeds, and enterprise reconstruction.

In 2004, plans are underway to implement investment projects at the Vitebsk Broiler Farm and processing plant "Druzhba". Industry investments are expected to reach five million euros in 2004. Reconstruction is also ongoing at egg production facilities, the Minsk Poultry Plant #1 and the Solingorsky Poultry Plant.

**Production of Livestock and Poultry for Slaughter (Slaughter Weight)**

Farms of all types, 1,000 MT

	1990	1995	1999	2000	2001	2002
Livestock and Poultry						
Total (slaughter weight)	1,181	657	652	598	627	617
including:						
Cattle	586	316	262	213	231	226
Average milk yield per cow, kg	3,220	2,150	2,232	2,154	2,408	2,507
Pigs	438	263	311	301	304	301
Sheep and goats	8	4	3	3	3	2
Poultry	142	69	70	76	85	85
Average egg yield laying hen, pcs	258	227	237	242	236	227

Source: Ministry of Statistics and Analysis of the Republic of Belarus

**Production of Staple Animal Husbandry Products, 1,000 MT**

	1990	1995	1999	2000	2001	2002
Livestock and Poultry for Slaughter						
Live weight	1,758	995	949	854	898	883
Slaughter weight	1,181	657	652	598	627	617
Production:						
Milk	7,457	5,070	4,741	4,490	4,834	4,773
Eggs, mln. pcs	3,657	3,373	3,395	3,288	3,144	2,923

Source: Ministry of Statistics and Analysis of the Republic of Belarus

**Cattle and Poultry Production Per Capita, kg (Carcass weight)**

Country	1991	1992	1995	2000	2001	2002
Belarus	104	92	64	60	63	62
Russia	63	56	39	30	31	32
Ukraine	77	65	45	34	31	34
Kazakhstan	93	76	62	42	44	45

Source: Statistics Committee of the CIS

**Egg Production Per Capita Production, pieces**

Country	1991	1992	1995	2000	2001	2002
Belarus	362	340	327	329	315	295
Russia	315	289	228	234	244	253
Ukraine	292	259	182	185	195	234
Moldova	243	187	130	158	170	187
Kazakhstan	248	217	116	114	125	142

Source: Statistics Committee of the CIS